

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 861

By Beck

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Mickey Guyton upon her performance at Super Bowl LVI.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize those gifted artists who have experienced great success in the world of country music; and

WHEREAS, one such amazing musical talent is Mickey Guyton, who recently delighted her countless fans and millions of viewers around the world with her thrilling performance of the National Anthem at Super Bowl LVI; and

WHEREAS, born in Arlington, Texas, Mickey Guyton began singing in church at a young age and counts among her musical inspirations such powerful vocalists as Dolly Parton, CeCe Winans, Whitney Houston, and LeAnn Rimes; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Guyton was signed to a recording contract by Capitol Records in Nashville, and her first appearance was at an all-star concert at the White House; in 2015, she released her self-titled EP, which featured her debut single "Better Than You Left Me"; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, she was nominated for her first Academy of Country Music Award for New Female Vocalist; she returned to the ACM awards in 2019 to perform alongside Chrissy Metz, Carrie Underwood, Lauren Alaina, and Maddie & Tae; and

WHEREAS, she made a stunning solo performance at the ACM awards the following year with "What Are You Gonna Tell Her?," which was hailed as one of the best performances of the night; the song was hailed by *Variety* as "country music's song of the year"; and

WHEREAS, her ground-breaking album *Bridges* also included "Black Like Me," a song she co-wrote that was released as a single due to demand in June 2020 and named one of the Top 10 songs of 2020 by NPR, *Billboard*, and The Associated Press; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Guyton made history as the first Black female solo artist to earn a Grammy nomination in a country category when she was nominated for Best Country Solo Performance for "Black Like Me"; and

WHEREAS, accolades have continued to come her way in the past year, as she co-hosted the 56th Academy of Country Music Awards with Keith Urban and was nominated as New Artist of the Year at the 55th CMA Awards this past November, just weeks after the release of her album *Remember Her Name*; and

WHEREAS, a true rising star in the pantheon of country music, Mickey Guyton has been featured by *The New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, NPR, Today, *Billboard*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *ELLE*, *The Washington Post*, *Paste*, *Rolling Stone*, and *The Wall Street Journal*; and

WHEREAS, the many accomplishments of this dynamic artist are richly deserving of our approbation on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Mickey Guyton on her outstanding performance of the National Anthem at Super Bowl LVI and her illustrious career in country music, extending to her our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.